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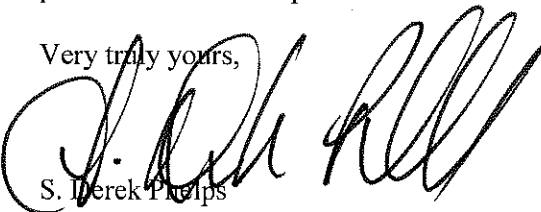
RE: **PETITION NO. 784** – Plainfield Renewable Energy, LLC petition for a declaratory ruling no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the proposed construction, maintenance, and operation of a 37.5 MW Wood Biomass Generating Project, Plainfield, Connecticut.

Dear Attorney Randall:

The Connecticut Siting Council (Council) requests your responses to the enclosed questions. The responses will be admitted into the record as a late file upon consent of the other parties and intervenors to this proceeding.

Please forward an original and 15 copies to this office. In accordance with the State Solid Waste Management Plan, the Council is requesting that all filings be submitted on recyclable paper, primarily regular weight white office paper. Please avoid using heavy stock paper, colored paper, and metal or plastic binders and separators.

Very truly yours,



S. Derek Phelps
Executive Director

Enclosure

c: Council Members
Parties and Intervenors

PRE-HEARING INTERROGATORIES - SET THREE
PETITION NO. 784
PLAINFIELD RENEWABLE ENERGY LLC
FEBRUARY 14, 2007

19. Would plant emissions meet all air State of Connecticut air quality standards?
20. Does any element of the power plant combust fossil fuel? If so, what percentage of the total plant exhaust emissions would be from fossil fuel?
21. Please obtain a final determination from the CT DEP regarding the presence of threatened, endangered, or special concern species at both the Mill Brook Road parcel and the river intake parcel. Report the presence of the whip-poor-will, a state species of special concern, at the Mill Brook Road parcel to the CT DEP.
22. Is the emergency access road a Town of Plainfield requirement or request?
23. What other design techniques can be used to avoid/reduce the impact of the emergency access road to Wetland 6? Can the road be relocated or reconfigured to reduce impact? Has PRE considered obtaining the rear portion of the 863 Norwich Road parcel (Lot 28) to accommodate the access road?
24. Describe the temporary and permanent wetland impact from the installation of transmission poles within the wetland north of the site. How many poles are proposed in the wetland area?
25. Provide an archaeological survey as requested in the November 2, 2006 correspondence from the Connecticut Commission on Culture & Tourism.
26. Describe how Wetland 3 and Wetland 5 would be "integrated" with adjacent detention basins. Would each wetland become part of the detention basin or is there a definitive boundary? What is the hydrological function of the detention basins?
27. Define the term "buffer zone" as it applies to on-site wetland protection. Describe how PRE would establish a buffer zone around each wetland.
28. Please respond to the CT DEP comments of November 13, 2006 regarding proper wetland mitigation measures and whether PRE's proposed mitigation plan meets the mitigation hierarchy presented in the letter.
29. As an element of the water diversion permit, would a wetland mitigation/compensation plan be required?
30. What is the width of the corridor and workspace needed to install the water pipeline along the road route? Would cut and fill be required? Has there been any analysis of potential impacts to wetlands along the road route?
31. Is it possible to reconfigure the main access road so that the road runs in a north-south direction along the east property line rather than between Wetland 2 and Wetland 3?